

REMARKS

Claims 1, 5-30, and 35-55 are pending in the application. By this Supplemental Amendment, new claim 55 has been added. No new matter has been added. Applicant respectfully requests prompt reconsideration and allowance of the application.

New claim 55 is patentably distinguishable over U.S. Patent No. 5,132,115 to Wolter et al. ("Wolter"), because Wolter does not disclose or suggest a composite structure that "does not adhere to the surface region before being wetted by the solvent," as recited in claim 55. Quite to the contrary, Wolter discloses a device that adheres to the skin even in a dry state.

For at least this reason, and the reasons set forth in the Reply to Office Action filed on December 24, 2003, Applicant requests allowance of pending claims 1, 5-30, and 35-55.

To the extent any extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is required to obtain entry of this reply, such extension is hereby respectfully requested. If there are any fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17, which is enclosed herewith, including any fees required or an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, please charge such fees to our deposit account no. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

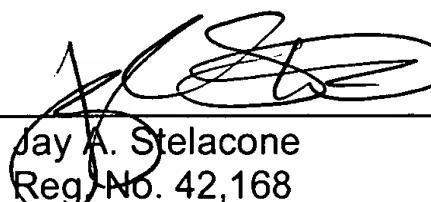
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